Long Range Roadway System Map

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The <u>Long Range Roadway System Map</u> (LRRSM) reflects long range transportation system policies adopted collectively by local elected officials. It provides a framework for the short and medium range planning and development projects programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program for the Albuquerque (NM) Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA). Regional transportation decisions for this area are made by the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB). The map is revised annually and is included as part of the <u>Future Albuquerque Area Bikeways and Streets</u> (FAABS) document adopted by the MTB.

The LRRSM provides direction for local transportation planners by showing the **long-term policy** for the alignment and functional classification of roadway facilities as they are expected to exist when fully completed and utilized. No time period or cost estimates are associated with this map.

The LRRSM classifies existing and proposed roadways as freeway, principal arterial, minor arterial, or collector, as well as whether the roadway is a limited access facility. Also, facilities with a potential for high occupancy vehicle lanes are included on the map. Major streets are classified according to their anticipated traffic service function, not by the size of the facility. Facilities shown as limited access have access limitations greater than normally would be anticipated. Facilities are shown as existing if they are officially platted with some right-of-way dedicated, not necessarily the amount needed. Existing and proposed grade separations and interchanges are also shown.

Location study corridors and subareas are also included on the map. Location study corridors are where proposed roadway alignments have not been established but are under consideration. Subareas are where street network evaluations are in progress.

The LRRSM should not be confused with the <u>Roadway Functional Classification System Map (RFCSM)</u>) which shows transportation facilities classified according to their **current function or short-term** (3 to 5 year) plans.

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